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In re application of:

GOODMAN et al.

Application No.: 09/755,723

Filed: January 5, 2001

For: AUTOMATIC HIERARCHICAL CATEGORIZATION OF MUSIC BY

METADATA

Art Unit: 2185

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following for the paragraph apearing on page 1 under the CROSS-REFERENCES TO RELATED APPLICATIONS heading. A marked up version of the paragraph is appended to this amendment.

-- This application is related to Application No. 09/755,629, entitled "System for Selecting and Playing Songs in a Playback Device with a Limited User Interface," (Atty. Docket No. 17002-020800); and Application No. 09/755,367, entitled "Audioplayback Device with Power Savings Storage Access Mode," (Atty. Docket No. 17002-022400), both filed January 5, 2001, the disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference.--

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REMARKS

By this amendment information regarding related applications that was not available at the time of filing has been added. Entrance of the amendment is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

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